

CASE STUDY: JEAN

1. An 18-year-old with cerebral palsy.
 2. Walks short distances with aid of a walker, but generally uses motorized wheelchair for ambulating.
 3. Uses left hand to control the joystick on chair, but right hand is non-functional.
 4. Attends a school program that focuses on community living.
 5. Is currently employed part-time at local fast food restaurant.
 6. Transition team indicates she plans to live alone in own house with occasional help from a personal assistant.
 7. Writing is laborious, so relies on a computer for written communication.
 8. Independently operates a computer and e-mails peers and members of staff.
 9. Reads at the second grade level.
 10. Uses picture cues to obtain meaning from print and uses newspaper for information.
 11. Math skills are somewhat weaker, but improve with use of calculator.
 12. Identifies all coins and their values, but is unable to compute the value of coins.
 13. Interacts with familiar people in the community, but often interrupts and tries to control conversation.
 14. Does not readily accept correction or the consequences of her actions.
 15. At times will become very angry and break down and cry.
 16. Independently contacts a personal assistant and/or arranges for public transportation by phone.
 17. Expresses future vocational interests as well as a desire to increase work hours and accept additional assignments.
 18. Has good attendance at work but often does not notify employer in advance of absence.
 19. Plans and prepares travel, but is often late.
 20. Loves to arrange outings, such as going to a hockey game or movie, with friends.
 21. Can be careless with wheelchair, has bumped into things, and does not match speed to those with whom she is traveling.
 22. Sometimes does not remember to charge the battery on chair and, thus, has been “stranded” in the community.
 23. Sometimes has poor hygiene and does not dress appropriately.
 24. Enjoys such leisure activities as watching videos, using the Internet, and going out with friends.
- Has difficulty with judgement regarding social interactions.